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Chapter 3.2. Committee on Child Care

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"Committee"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the committee on child care established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.107-2005, SEC.2.

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Committee on child care established; members

Sec. 2. (a) The committee on child care is established.

(b) The committee consists of the following voting members:

(1) Two (2) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

(2) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. Members appointed under this subdivision may not be members of the same political party.

(3) The director of the division of family and children or the director's designee.

(4) The commissioner of the department of workforce development or the commissioner's designee.

(5) One (1) individual who holds a degree in the study of early childhood development.

(6) One (1) administrator of an elementary school.

(7) One (1) individual who operates or administers a Head Start program.

(8) One (1) individual who operates or administers a child care center.

(9) One (1) individual who operates or administers a class I child care home.

(10) One (1) individual who operates or administers a class II child care home.

(11) One (1) individual who operates or administers a child care ministry.

(12) One (1) individual who operates or administers an after school care program.

(13) One (1) individual who operates or administers child care in an employer offered setting.

(14) One (1) individual who is a consumer of child care and who does not operate or administer a child care program.

(15) The state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee.

(c) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint the members listed in subsections (b)(5), (b)(8), (b)(9), (b)(12), and (b)(14). In making the appointments, the president pro tempore of the senate shall attempt to appoint individuals that represent both rural and urban areas. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member described in subsection (b)(2) as chairperson of

the committee in 2006.

(d) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members listed in subsections (b)(6), (b)(7), (b)(10), (b)(11), and (b)(13). In making the appointments, the speaker of the house of representatives shall attempt to appoint individuals that represent both rural and urban areas. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member described in subsection (b)(1) as chairperson of the committee in 2005.

As added by P.L.107-2005, SEC.2.

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Operation of committee

Sec. 3. The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council. However, the committee shall meet throughout the year at the call of the chairperson, except when the general assembly is in session.

As added by P.L.107-2005, SEC.2.

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Votes to take action

Sec. 4. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take action on any measure, including final reports.

As added by P.L.107-2005, SEC.2.

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Program of study; reporting recommendations

Sec. 5. (a) The committee shall:

- (1) study the system of child care regulation; and
- (2) report and make recommendations concerning the system of child care regulation to the legislative council not later than:
 - (A) October 31, 2005; and
 - (B) October 31, 2006.

(b) The committee's recommendations under subsection (a) must further the following child care regulation purposes:

- (1) To provide support for families in need of reliable, high quality child care.
- (2) To encourage and support high quality child care providers.
- (3) To allow for a variety of methods of child care provision and allow each family to determine the method preferred for the family's children.
- (4) To access available and affordable child care by parents.
- (5) To encourage the state to access all available federal funds for child care.

(c) The committee's program of study must include consideration of the following:

- (1) The effect of child care and child care regulation on families.
- (2) Encouragement of high quality child care through committee assessment and recommendation of nationally

recognized child care provider quality accreditation organizations.

(3) A review of child care models from other states.

(4) Ensuring the safety of the child.

(5) Any need for reorganization and refocusing of governmental agencies responsible for regulation of child care.

(6) Parental rights.

(d) The report required under subsection (a)(2) must include recommendations concerning:

(1) continued legislative monitoring of child care regulation by the committee or another legislative committee; and

(2) any amendment to the system of child care regulation that the committee determines is necessary.

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Expiration

Sec. 6. This chapter expires November 1, 2006.

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